GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF AMONIA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the present annual production and requirement of Amonia in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that chemical fertilizers are not evenly available to farmers; and

(c) If so, the steps taken by Government to ensure their availability to farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : The All India production and requirement of Ammonia during 1999-2000 was 12.24 million tonnes and 13.35 million tonnes, respectively. The balance 1.11 million tonnes was met through imports. For the year 1999-2000, the requirement of ammonia for non-fertilizer use was estimated at 1.70 lakh tonnes.

(b) & (c): Urea is the only fertilizer which is under price, distribution and movement control of the Government of India. All other fertilizers are decontrolled and their availability is dependent on the market forces of demand and supply. In case of urea, the assessment of its demand for each State is made in consultation with the State Governments and fertilizerindustry for each crop season namely Kharif and Rabi, before the commencement of the season. The allocation of urea to each State is made first from indigenous availability and the gap between the demand and indigenous availability, if any, is met from imports. The distribution of urea within a State is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Availability of urea in the country during the year 2000-01 has been satisfactory and no reports of shortages have been received from State Governments.